

## The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Israel's Relations with the Middle East, Europe, and the US

### Poll Findings, June 2017

The Israeli public thinks that the continuation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict significantly damages Israel's foreign relations with the Middle East and Europe, and that the Israel-US relationship is less affected by the conflict. These are the main findings of a public opinion poll conducted for the Mitvim Institute on June 6, 2017 by the Rafi Smith Institute and in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. The poll sampled 500 men and women, as a representative sample of Israel's adult population (aged 18 and older, from the Jewish and Arab sectors, and with a 4.5% margin of error). The findings were introduced on June 13, 2017 at a [public event](#) of the Mitvim Institute and the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

#### To what extent does the continuation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict damage Israel's foreign relations?

	Israel-Middle East Relations	Israel-Europe Relations	Israel-US Relations
To a large extent (rank of 8-10)	52%	44%	15%
To a moderate extent (rank of 6-7)	25%	28%	24%
To a limited extent (rank of 4-5)	11%	13%	24%
To a small extent (rank of 1-3)	12%	15%	37%
<b>Average ranking on a scale of 1 to 10</b>	<b>7.16</b>	<b>6.65</b>	<b>4.72</b>

\* Among the 97-98% of those who responded.

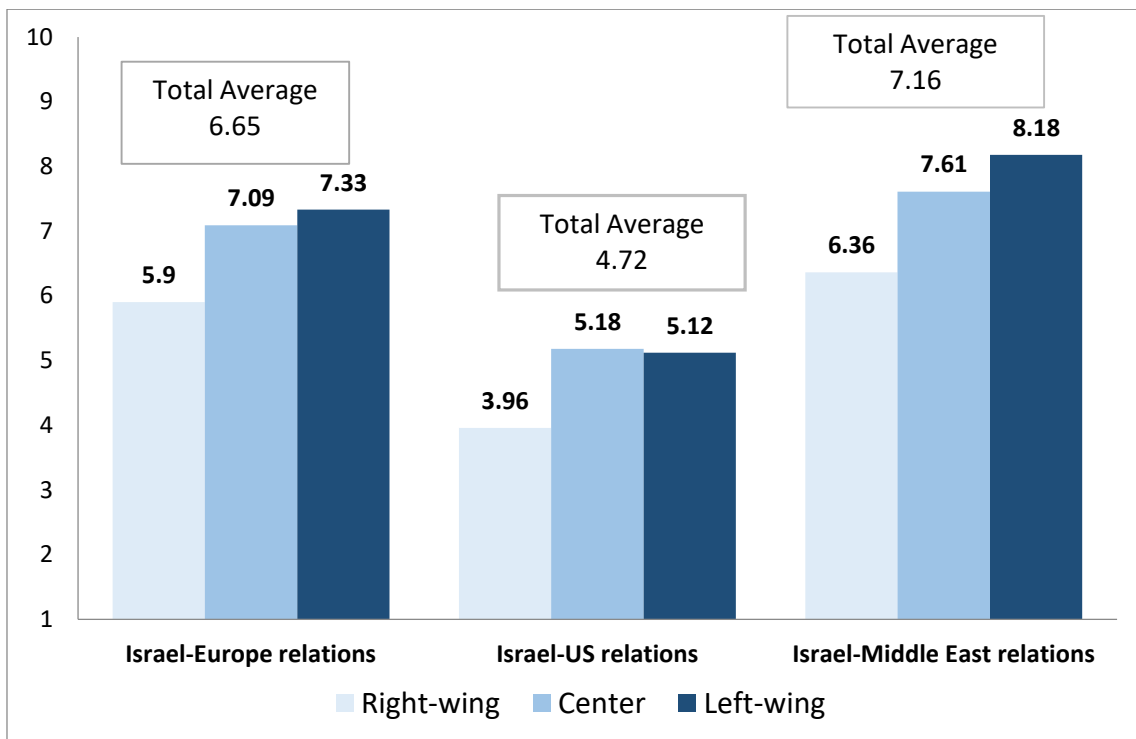
#### Key Findings

- Respondents who identified as right-wing and religious Jews view the damage to Israel's relations with Europe, the Middle East, and the US as less significant, in comparison to respondents who identified themselves as centrist, left-wing, and secular Jews.
- The Israeli public thinks that the conflict is most detrimental to Israel-Middle East relations (average ranking: 7.16 out of 10). 28% believe that the damage to these relations is at the highest possible extent (rank of 10). 63% of secular respondents and 64% of left-wing respondents stated that the conflict damages Israel-Middle East relations to a large extent (rank of 8-10). Arab respondents perceived the damage to these relations as higher than Jewish respondents (7.80 vs. 7.12).
- The Israeli public also believes that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict damages Israel-Europe relations (average ranking: 6.65 out of 10). The percentage of those who

ranked "to a large extent" was the highest among respondents who identified as secular Jews (54%) and left-wing (60%). There were no significant differences between the ranking of Jewish and Arab respondents.

- The Israeli public thinks that Israel-US relations are the least affected by the continuation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (average ranking: 4.72 out of 10). Only 5% stated that the conflict damages these relations to the highest possible extent (rank of 10), while 16% stated that it does not damage relations at all (rank of 1). The percentage of those who ranked "to a small extent" and "to a limited extent" was relatively high among male respondents (68%) and among those who identified themselves as religious Jews (81%) and right-wing (74%). Arab respondents perceived the damage to these relations as higher than Jewish ones (5.13 vs. 4.65).

**The Damage to Israel's Foreign Relations According to Political Beliefs**  
(Average ranking on a scale of 1 to 10)

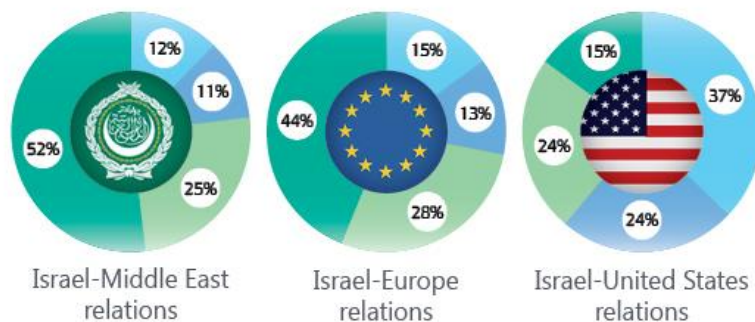


**Finding from a Mitvim Institute public opinion poll June 2017**

The poll was conducted on June 6, 2017, by the Rafi Smith Institute and in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, among a representative sample of Israel's adult population

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Average ranking between 1 and 10: **7.16** (Middle East), **6.65** (Europe), **4.72** (United States)